Assault on Doctors/Nurses by relatives of patients

1250. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELAFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of manhandling/assault on doctors/nurses by relatives of patients are on increase forcing the doctors to go on strike in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of such cases during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) the remedial measures adopted by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No incident of strike by Doctors/Nurses due to manhandling/assault on them has been reported in Dr. Ram Mahohar Lohia Hospital during the last 2 years. However, one incident each in the year 2001 and 2002 has been reported regarding assault on sister in charge and senior resident respectively leading to no disruption in the first case and disruption for 2 to 3 hours in the latter case.

Effects of pesticides and chemicals on food -chain

1251. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any systematic studies have been conducted on the harmful effects of pesticides and chemicals on food-chain and human health in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that experts have pointed out harmful effects of certain pesticides and chemicals;

(c) if so, remedial measures taken by Government; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct a detailed study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Different institutions in the